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SUBJECT: US-USSR AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT: AGRICULTURAL  
ATTACHE MEETING WITH DR.RUNOV (09.00)

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1. SCOPE AND TONE OF SUBJECT MEETING REPORTED REFTEL WERE  
QUITE INTERESTING AND SEEM GENERALLY ENCOURAGING. AGRI-  
CULTURAL ATTACHE'S INITIATIVE AND SUCCESS IN THIS ACCOM-  
PLISHMENT WERE COMMENDABLE. HOWEVER, THE AGREEMENT IS  
DUE FOR RENEWAL NEXT YEAR AND A MEETING OF THIS KIND IS  
THE FIRST IN A YEAR. USDA WONDERS WHETHER RUNOV'S FORTH-  
COMINGNESS AND HELPFULNESS ARE NOT DUE PRIMARILY TO CON-  
CERN OVER RENEWAL. WE WOULD WELCOME AGATT COMMENTS ON  
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THIS POINT.

2. OTHER USDA COMMENTS FOLLOW:  
A. AG ATTACHE'S FRANKNESS TO RUNOV ABOUT NEED FOR IM-  
PROVEMENT IN THE OPERATION OF THE AGREEMENT WAS ESPECIALLY  
PERTINENT AND MUCH APPRECIATED BY THOSE INVOLVED HERE.  
THIS NEED WAS NOTED IN SECRETARY BERGLAND'S LETTER TO

MINISTER MESYATS TO HELP INDICATE OUR STRONG FEELINGS ON THIS POINT. AS 1977 IS THE LAST YEAR BEFORE RENEWAL IN 1978, IT WILL BE A VERY KEY YEAR FOR U.S. TO TEST HOW

MUCH IMPROVEMENT WILL BE POSSIBLE, ALTHOUGH A FINAL ASSESSMENT IS PROBABLY NOT FEASIBLE UNTIL LATE 1977. SINCE THE AGREEMENT OBVIOUSLY IS IMPORTANT TO SOVIETS, WE WOULD EXPECT THEM TO WORK FOR IMPROVEMENTS.

B. AS NOTED IN MARCH 31 WEST-MONOV LETTER SENT THROUGH AG ATTACHE, AND APRIL 1 EDMINSTER-RUNOV LETTER SENT THROUGH GAVVA (COPY BEING POUCHED), U.S. SIDE IS WILLING TO FOREGO CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS THIS YEAR. IF RUNOV WAS ASKING IF U.S. COULD GIVE ANSWER ON EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT AT SUCH MIDYEAR MEETINGS, IF HELD, (AS WE INTERPRET HIS REMARK) OUR ANSWER IS NEGATIVE.

C. OFFER BY RUNOV TO ASSIST WITH TRAVEL APPROVAL IS A HOPEFUL SIGN. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE, WHEN NEEDED, SHOULD APPLY TO TRAVEL OF AGATT AND HIS ASSISTANTS, AND OF U.S. TEAMS UNDER THE AGREEMENT. THE RECENT TURNDOWN OF THREE PLACES REQUESTED FOR OUR GRAIN WINTER HARDINESS TEAM SHOWS THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED (SEE SEPARATE MESSAGE REGARDING THESE TURNDOWNS).

D. RUNOV PREVIOUSLY HAS EXPRESSED OPINION THAT THERE ARE TOO MANY TEAMS AND NOT ENOUGH CONCRETE RESEARCH COOPERATION BUT SOVIET ACTIONS OFTEN HAVE NOT BACKED UP SUCH WORDS (E.G. NO RESPONSE TO OUR FORECASTING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPOSAL). AT PRESENT THEY STILL ARE TRYING TO GET US TO ACCEPT A SOVIET TEAM ON WATER EROSION. BOTH SIDES AGREED LAST DECEMBER THAT THIS ACTIVITY WOULD NOT, REPEAT NOT, BE HELD IN 1977 AND SO FAR WE HAVE NOT BEEN PROVIDED REASONS FOR MAKING CHANGE. SOVIETS ALSO WANT TO SPLIT THEIR WIND EROSION TEAM INTO TWO PARTS AND TWO TIME PERIODS, WHICH WOULD CHANGE FOCUS OF JOINT RESEARCH AGREED TO LAST DECEMBER. IN THIS CASE, TOO, NO RATIONALE HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR NEW REQUEST. WE HAVE EARLIER ASKED GAVVA TO HELP GET SUCH ANSWERS AND ASKED AGAIN APRIL 1. IN LONG SESSION, SHEREMETEV, SPEAKING FOR GAVVA, RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO PROVIDE REASONS AND INDICATED A STRONG DESIRE NOW FOR WATER EROSION TEAM. WHILE WE ARE UNSURE AS TO WHAT EXTENT HE WAS SPEAKING WITH AUTHORITY, SHEREMETEV RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF NOT ACCEPTING SOME UNSPECIFIED USDA TEAM IF WE DID NOT RECEIVE THE SOVIET WATER EROSION TEAM.

E. IT IS UNCLEAR TO US WHY RUNOV SUGGESTED THAT OUR  
TENDENCY TO RELATE AGREEMENT ACTIVITIES TO MARKETING  
OF U.S. COMMODITIES ADVERSELY AFFECTED BENEFITS RECEIVED

BY THE SOVIETS. WE BELIEVE SUCH COMPLAINTS ARE UNJUSTIFIED. PLEASE COMMENT.

F. WE WERE NOT SURPRISED THAT RUNOV AGAIN MENTIONED  
SOVIET INTEREST IN SOME KIND OF JOINT AGRICULTURAL  
DEMONSTRATION SHOWPIECE IN USSR. USDA IS STILL NOT  
INTERESTED, PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE IT BELIEVES THAT THE U.S.  
COULD ,OR EXERCISE ADEQUATE GUIDANCE AND CONTROL. HIGH  
COST OF SUCH A PROJECT IS ALSO A FACTOR; USDA ALSO  
BELIEVES THAT FUNDS COULD BE BETTER SPENT ON OTHER  
EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES IN EXISTING AREAS.

3. WE WILL ADVISE WHEN SOVIETS SHOULD BE NOTIFIED OF  
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DESIGNATION OF NEW U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN OF JOINT COMMITTEE,  
PER REFTEL. HOWEVER, WE FEEL THAT AS WAS THE CASE  
WHEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY BELL FIRST ASSUMED THE POSITION,  
RUNOV WILL WANT TO SEND CONGRATULATIONS BEFORE RECEIVING  
A LETTER FROM THE NEW U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN.  
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